

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Kazuya Yonemoto et al. ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: P98,2697  
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INVENTION: "SOLID STATE IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE, DRIVING METHOD THEREOF AND CAMERA"

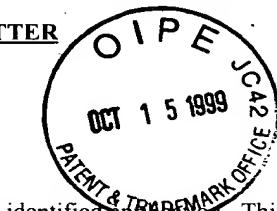
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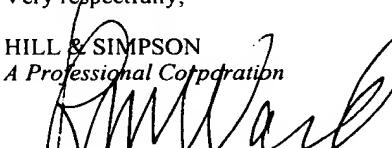
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- [ ] The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies each item of information identified in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
- [ ] The undersigned counsel for applicant(s) hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, or to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.
- [ ] A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover any required fee is enclosed.
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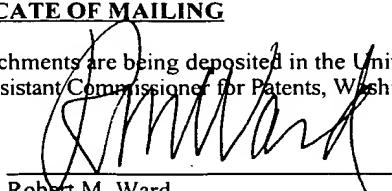
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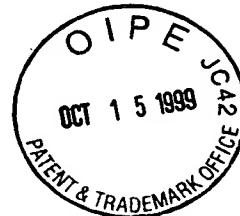
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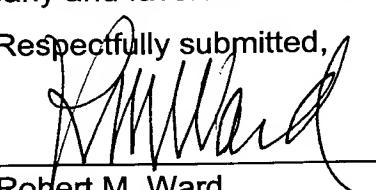
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-mentioned application for United States Patent.

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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